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SUBJECT

Meeting convened at Sringeri by Sri. Nagabhushana Bhatta & others to present an address to Sri. Narasimha Krishna Rao

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D.O. No. 11/Enc Twp

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Kadur District.

Chikmagalur, Dated.....5th...October...1924
Camp Mysore,

CB 31-462

Dear Sir,

I beg to forward for your kind information a copy of the telegrams which I have just received from the Amildar, Koppa and the District Superintendent of Police, Kadur, about the meeting convened at Sringeri by Mr.Nagabhushana Bhatta and others to present an address to Mr.Hosakoppa Krishna Rao.

Yours sincerely,

To

K. Matthan, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary Government
of Mysore,
Camp MYSORE.

Telegram dated 4th October 1924 from Mr.Rego, Amildar of Koppa, to the Deputy Commissioner, Kadur District, camp Mysore.

" Malnad Land-holders' association met Mr.Krishna Rao at Sringeri yesterday evening presented address in silver casket about 15 men present a silver garland also presented prayers for welfare of Highness and country . Messrs Krishna Rao and Viswanatha Rao dressed in khadi a resolution passed to send message to Mahatma Gandhi not to fast further no political speeches delivered nor political agitations present."

" C o p y "

Deputy Commissioner,
Kadur District.

Telegram dated 4th October from the Superintendent of Police, Kadur District, to the Deputy Commissioner, Kadur District, Camp Mysore.

" Meeting held no political speaches nor political agitations attended details follows ".

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" C o p y "

Deputy Commissioner,
Kadur District.

Strictly Confidential.

D.O. No. Camp 33 Enc: 1. / 24-25

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Kadur District.

Chikmagalur, Dated 11th October 1924.

C. B. 31-24-25

Dear Sir,

In continuation of my D.O.letter No.11 dated 5th October 1924 in regard to the Sringeri meeting, I beg to forward for perusal a confidential report dated 8th October 1924 from the Deputy Amildar, --- Sringeri, which I have just received.

Yours sincerely,

To

K. Matthan, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government
of His Highness the Maharaja
of Mysore.

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My Reply Letter
No
11-10-24

Office of the Deputy Amildar,
SRINGERI JAHGIR.

Dated, Sringeri, 8. 10 24 192 .

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Dear Sir

Your telegram dated 4.10.24 duly to hand

Presumably the subject referred to therein is the meeting held

this place on the 3rd inst to present an address and a Casket

to Sir M. Krishna Rao and the following are the details

connected therewith. I very much regret the delay in submi

this report ~~of~~ it ~~was~~ due to unavoidable circumstances.

about the middle of last month at

Hosakoppa Shri M. Rao had invited his brother-in-l

Halamane Ramabhatta and his (Ramabhatta's) broth

in-law Idathe Gode Nagabhushana Bhatta, this Co

-Sarvamanya Trio aided in their deliberations by an

influential youth Kesavabhatta referred to below, c

Conceived the idea of arranging a grand gathering

Sringeri during the Dasara week and taking the

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influence with the math people.

V. Venkatta Rao mentioned above is a misguided youth leading an aimless life for some years past. He is the grandson of late Seshu Rao, Public Prosecutor, Shimoga and has been sojourning in Sringeri for the last 6 months. His services were utilized in this function as he exhibited some admiration for the K Rao's activities. This gentleman whom was made the master of the ceremony, suddenly developed an abhorrence for the ways of this erstwhile hero & taking his stand as a purist tried to see if he could so manage the event as to prevent the presentation of the Casket but as matters had developed too far he could not achieve it. But burning with a desire to expose hypocracy & vice in its nakedness, learn he has since sent some communications to several responsible officers in the State making most damaging accusations against the K Rao, the truth of which if not judicially provable may at least be ascertainable from a local enquiry. The subject of this who is in Camp has learnt of these details & I expect he will verify them.

The proceedings & other details of the meeting are too meagre for any special report. The event was after all a private affair in spite of the photo specially arranged. None of the illustrious gentleman invited took the trouble of journeying to Srirangam. Even at least for the purpose of a pilgrimage. Those men that had gathered some 50 or so in numbers were mostly from the Srirangam gathering their interest in the affair being due to Mr K Rao having put himself at the head of the agitation brewing in the gathering for reduction of taxes etc. In addition to these Mr Satyavara Rao from Bangalore and Messrs Ramesa Rao, Thimma Jois, Venkamma Joois & Hanumaiah Gowda had also come. One Mr Venkata a man from Madras was the only outsider present & he is in the employ of Mr H.K. Rao. Funds not having been enough for making special feeding arrangements for these visitors they all had their food from the Hotel Chaitram that day.

Mr Kameswara Sastry of Srirangam a man of pure pretentions occupied the Chair and eulogised Mr K Rao to his hearts content & to the displeasure of the audience.

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The address was read by Mr Gurumurthy Rao. Thiruvarulelly. Kaffir
The cylindrical Silver Casket presented to the Rao is
Chased & mounted on an iron elephant. Cost Rs 160/-
was supplied by Messrs Bastard & Sons, Bangalore.
To witness the Lanka Dahana scene 60 actors were (the Lanka-raja
had also pathrie) actors was fife playing & flute
music.

I learn that several friends of the Rao have since
written to him admonishing him for his unworthy
past and asking him to reform himself at least
after this self-inflicted event.

Yours
Sri
Yours obediently
Bhavani Rao

To.

B. Sreenivasa Iyengar Esq B.A.B.L.
Deputy Commissioner
Kadur Dt